

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph before line 2 on page 1 of the above-identified specification.

This application is based on and claims priority to French Application No. 0307380, filed on June 18, 2003 and International Application No. PCT/EP2004/051142, filed on June 17, 2004 designating the U.S., the entire contents of both of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Page 1, please add the following heading immediately following the foregoing new paragraph:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 16, before line 6, add the following heading:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**